

HAVE PLANS FOR SCHOOL

Cimarron Will Begin Building New School House Soon. Plans Drawn

Cimarron is soon to see the actual work of construction on her new \$10,000 school house begun. Territorial Superintendent of Schools C. J. Fisher was in Cimarron last Friday and he stated that the building is now an assured thing. When seen by a representative of the Citizen, Mr. Fisher said:

"While the northern and eastern boundary lines of your school district are not exactly correct, a force of engineers can soon run this out to a certainty. But we will not let a little thing like a slight error or uncertainty in a boundary line interfere with giving Cimarron such a school house as it deserves. As soon as the bonds were voted by your district, I made the necessary arrangements, and now have the plans for your new building in my pocket. It is the plan to construct a \$10,000 building. This school house will be modern in every way, and is of excellent design. There will be eight rooms in the building. Four down stairs and four on the second floor. The law does not allow this district to go into debt to the full limit of the \$10,000, but we will not let this bother us. At the present time, we will build the \$10,000

building, but will not finish off the second floor. By this means we can have a building, which when complete, will be ample for the immediate needs of a city many times as large as Cimarron, and still keep within the limit of the law. It is the intention to spend what money we have, and give Cimarron ample school room for its present needs. We have, or will have when the bonds are sold, \$8,000 for the building."

This is indeed welcome news for Cimarron. We have been hampered for lack of school room for a long time. The old school house was too crowded, and even the use of the Methodist church did not give the schools a fair chance to do the work required. But in spite of this fact, Cimarron is known as having as good schools as could be found in the Territory. It has always obtained the best of teachers, and the present condition of our public schools, hampered though the teachers have been, is an exceedingly fine testimonial both to the earnestness of the present school directors and to the efficiency of the superb corps of teachers who have the training of young Cimarron in charge.

MOB LEADER SHOT BY DELAGUA OFFICER

Reaches for His Weapon But is Fatally Wounded in the Act--Trouble Grew Out of Murder Case

Trinidad, Colorado, March 17.—At the head of an angry mob of his Greek countrymen and while in the act of reaching for a revolver to shoot the officer, Louis Gregoris was shot Sunday evening by Town Marshall A. E. Johnson of Delagua. The bullet entered the Greek's body on the left side just below the heart and death ensued five hours later. That Johnson shot in self-defense and in the execution of his plain duty is the statement of all who witnessed the affair.

As far as can be learned, the trouble grew out of the recent trial of George Baros, the Delagua Greek who was acquitted of the charge of murdering Peter Tsakos in the Delagua mine two months ago.

Feeling has been high among friends of Baros against witnesses who testified against their countryman. Sunday a number of Greeks from Hastings came over to Delagua and a mob was formed a few minutes later with the avowed intention of

wreaking vengeance on their enemies. Johnson intercepted the crowd and ordered them to disperse. Gregoris, instead of obeying, made a motion as though to get a revolver from a rear pocket and at that moment the officer fired. The man fell in his tracks and was at once picked up and carried to a nearby house where a physician was called. The bullet had grazed the heart but in spite of the serious nature of the wound, the Greek lived for several hours. Coroner Guilfoil was notified and spent yesterday at Delagua yesterday in collecting evidence. The remains of the dead Greek were brought to this city yesterday by Deputy Coroner B. B. Sipe and an inquest will be held later.

Johnson has not been arrested as yet and the general impression exists that he will be exonerated by the coroner's jury. The Greek was about thirty years of age and had been employed at Delagua for several months.

POLITICIAN DEAD BY HIS OWN HAND

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 16.—James A. Johnson, a leading politician of this city, committed suicide by cutting his throat on an Alabama Great Southern train tonight between this city and Birmingham. Mr. Johnson had been in New Orleans, accompanied by his wife and baby. Last night he was taken ill and stopped over in Birmingham. During the night he took an overdose of strychnine, but this morning he was so far recovered that he continued his journey homeward. When the train was between Whitney and Caldwell, Ala., Mr. Johnson left his wife and went to the lavatory. In a few minutes he was found with his throat cut, the jugular vein being severed by a small pocket knife. He died in five minutes. Mr. Johnson was a large holder of realty in this city. His affairs are in excellent condition.

VICTIMIZED BY A VISION

Worcester, Mass., March 16.—Robbed, he says, of his fortune by a vision that told him he would die in six months, Dr. John Wesley Sill, 84 years old, formerly a prominent physician here with a \$40,000 estate, was taken to the poorhouse today.

Sill says that a year ago a vision appeared to him and told him he would die in six months. He gave away all his real estate, several farms here and in Canada, a business block, and his library to nephews and nieces. He saved just enough to live on six months.

Now the six months have passed and Sill's money is all spent. He says the nephews and nieces refuse to give him back anything.

RUSSIAN COURTS MAKE WORK FOR HANGMAN

St. Petersburg, March 16.—A large number of death sentences were passed in various parts of Russia. Those who will suffer the death penalty include the robbers at Kremenchug, four robbers at Vieve, three men who made an attack upon the postoffices at Proskurov, three brigands at Lodz, a peasant at Karkov and two political prisoners at Krntz. At Yekaterinburg seven men were sentenced to be hanged and one to imprisonment for life for an attack upon the counting house connected with a mine, the property of one of the councillors of the empire.

LONE MAN ROBS FAST MAIL TRAIN

Spokane, Wash., March 16.—A lone bandit boarded the mail car on the west-bound Oriental Limited, the fast trans-continental train of the Great Northern railway, at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, before daylight, bound the two mail clerks and robbed the mail and express cars. The robbery was not discovered until the train reached Spokane at 9:20 a. m., more than five hours after the bandit boarded the train.

ACTOR DOWNING TURNS PREACHER

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Robert L. Downing has forsaken the stage for the church, after thirty years behind the footlights.

He was "converted" last Tuesday night in the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant church, where a revival has been in progress for five weeks, under the direction of its pastor, Rev. John M. Gille, a Johns Hopkins graduate, and Rev. B. F. Campbell, a New York evangelist.

Friday night Downing mounted the pulpit, and with dramatic eloquence declared that as a Christian convert he had renounced the stage forever and would become an evangelist. He has already been urged to conduct evangelistic services at Ryland Methodist Episcopal church in Southeast Washington, and at the Mount Pleasant Baptist church, and is preparing for work under Dr. Gille.

Downing had a Washington home for years at Edgemere, near Benning. He has been touring the West in his own play, "A Voice from the Wilderness," dealing with John the Baptist. About a month ago he returned to Washington for a rest, and was preparing to produce his play at a local theater. He has now cancelled all his contracts.

PLACER GRAVEL \$11.76 PER PAN

Seattle, Wash., March 16.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Fairbanks says that a remarkably rich strike has been made on Vault creek, on the Isabelle group of claims. Five pans picked at random from four feet of gravel yielded an average of \$11.76 to the pan. Conta, the layman, last year offered to bet \$10,000 that no pan taken from this ground would go less than \$15. Casey Moran of Fairbanks, who is wintering here, says the Vault creek may exceed the richest of Cleary creek, which has turned out over \$20,000,000 to date. He says that this means that similar strikes on several other creeks are yet to be uncovered.

POLICEMAN WORKS FOR INHERITANCE

New York, March 16.—John F. Von Muege, aged 62, hopes in August to come into a fortune amounting to \$200,000 and also a title. He now wears the gray uniform of a special policeman, and it is because he has worn it for nearly fifteen years that fortune seems almost within his grasp. If anything occurs between now and August to cause him to lose his position, all hope of ever getting the fortune probably will pass.

Early in life Von Muege says he was seized with wanderlust and could not settle down. His mother tried to induce him to quit his wanderings, but failed. Her will provided a cure. It tied up all of her estate so that the son could not touch it until he had served for one consecutive period of fifteen years in some capacity under a city or national government.

MASKED HOLD-UP MAN SLUGS VICTIM

After leaving the street car at Sopris Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock and while on his way to Cokedale, about one-quarter of a mile south of the coke ovens at that camp, Alexander Sneddon, of the timber department of the Carbon Coal & Coke Co., was knocked down by a holdup who was masked and armed with a revolver. Sneddon received a serious blow over the left ear and will be laid up for several days. He was unable to identify his assailant but the police at Cokedale are making a vigorous effort to discover the culprit. Marshal Sperry and P. W. Hill are working on the case and it is expected that arrests will follow.

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